

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for January 2007

Region 11

March 2007

LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES JANUARY 2007 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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| AREA | LABOR FORCE | NUMBER EMPLOYED | NUMBER UNEMPL. | U.R. 1/07(p) | U.R. 12/06 | U.R. 1/06 |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| U.S. | 151,924,000 | 144,275,000 | 7,649,000 | 5.0% | 4.3% | 5.1% |
| INDIANA | 3,266,011 | 3,078,156 | 187,855 | 5.8% | 4.7% | 5.4% |
| EGR 11* | 224,598 | 212,818 | 11,780 | 5.2% | 4.3% | 4.7% |
| Evansville MSA** | 186,137 | 175,897 | 10,240 | 5.5% | 4.6% | 5.0% |
| Dubois | 22,570 | 21,712 | 858 | 3.8% | 3.0% | 4.0% |
| Gibson | 17,587 | 16,674 | 913 | 5.2% | 4.2% | 4.7% |
| Henderson Co., KY | 23,385 | 22,013 | 1,372 | 5.9% | 4.7% | 6.5% |
| Knox | 19,499 | 18,511 | 988 | 5.1% | 4.3% | 4.9% |
| Perry | 9,842 | 9,247 | 595 | 6.0% | 4.9% | 5.9% |
| Pike | 6,266 | 5,941 | 325 | 5.2% | 4.4% | 4.6% |
| Posey | 14,089 | 13,372 | 717 | 5.1% | 4.2% | 4.8% |
| Spencer | 10,523 | 9,946 | 577 | 5.5% | 4.6% | 5.8% |
| Vanderburgh | 93,154 | 87,843 | 5,311 | 5.7% | 4.8% | 4.9% |
| Warrick | 31,068 | 29,572 | 1,496 | 4.8% | 4.1% | 4.5% |
| Webster Co., KY | 6,795 | 6,363 | 732 | 6.4% | 4.9% | 6.1% |
| Boonville | 3,371 | 3,139 | 232 | 6.9% | 5.9% | 5.9% |
| Evansville | 60,640 | 56,690 | 3,950 | 6.5% | 5.5% | 5.5% |
| Jasper | 7,360 | 7,104 | 256 | 3.5% | 2.8% | 3.3% |
| Mount Vernon | 3,534 | 3,347 | 187 | 5.3% | 4.8% | 5.4% |
| Petersburg | 1,048 | 970 | 78 | 7.4% | 6.7% | 7.2% |
| Princeton | 4,202 | 3,938 | 264 | 6.3% | 5.8% | 6.4% |
| Rockport | 1,001 | 923 | 78 | 7.8% | 6.4% | 9.9% |
| Tell City | 4,014 | 3,739 | 275 | 6.9% | 5.6% | 6.3% |
| Vincennes | 9,101 | 8,568 | 533 | 5.9% | 4.9% | 5.8% |

*EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. **Evansville MSA includes Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

| RANK – JAN 2007 | COUNTY | JAN 2007 RATE (p) |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Crawford | 9.3% |
| 46 | Perry | 6.0% |
| 56 | Vanderburgh | 5.7% |
| 63 | Spencer | 5.5% |
| 68 | Gibson | 5.2% |
| 71 | Pike | 5.2% |
| 73 | Knox | 5.1% |
| 75 | Posey | 5.1% |
| 81 | Warrick | 4.8% |
| 91 | Dubois | 3.8% |
| 92 | Hamilton | 3.6% |

SURROUNDING STATES JANUARY 2007

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 5.2% Indiana – 5.8% Kentucky – 6.3% Michigan – 7.7% Ohio – 6.2%



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REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in January. Overall, 26 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 18 states registered increases, and only 6 states had no change reported the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 36 states, up in 10 states and the District of Columbia, and unchanged in 4 states.

Hawaii again recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.2 percent in January. Michigan reported the highest unemployment rate at 6.9 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in January than a year earlier in 179 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 156 areas, and unchanged in 34 areas. Fourteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while 7 areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent

Honolulu, Hawaii had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. El Centro, California, a highly agricultural area, registered the highest unemployment rate at 14.9 percent.



EVANSVILLE MSA

(Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties in Indiana and Henderson and Webster Counties in Kentucky)

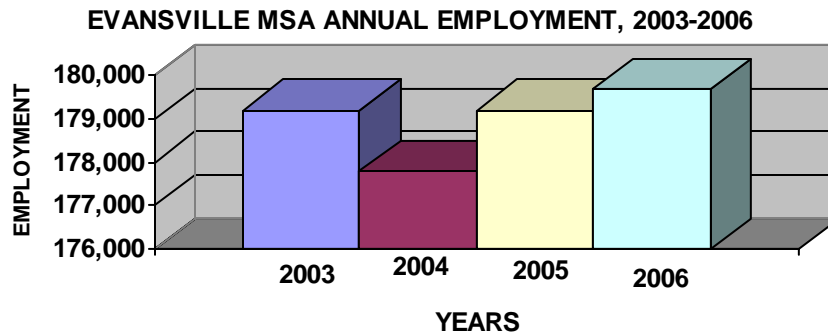
WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

| | JAN 2007 | DEC 2006 | JAN 2006 | CHANGE FROM | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | DEC 2006 TO JAN 2007 | | JAN 2006 TO JAN 2007 | |
| Total Nonfarm | 177,600 | 182,000 | 176,800 | -4,400 | -2.4% | +800 | +0.5% |
| Goods Producing | 46,200 | 47,600 | 46,500 | -1,400 | -2.9% | -300 | -0.6% |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction | 12,700 | 13,700 | 12,100 | -1,000 | -7.3% | +600 | +5.0% |
| Manufacturing | 33,500 | 33,900 | 34,400 | -400 | -1.2% | -900 | -2.6% |
| Durable Goods | 18,800 | 19,100 | 19,400 | -300 | -1.6% | -600 | -3.1% |
| Service Providing | 131,400 | 134,400 | 130,300 | -3,000 | -2.2% | +1,100 | +0.8% |
| Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities | 36,500 | 37,400 | 36,600 | -900 | -2.4% | -100 | -0.3% |
| Wholesale Trade | 7,700 | 7,700 | 7,500 | +0 | +0.0% | +200 | +2.7% |
| Retail Trade | 19,000 | 19,700 | 19,300 | -700 | -3.6% | -300 | -1.6% |
| General Merchandise Stores | 4,000 | 4,200 | 4,000 | -200 | -4.8% | +0 | +0.0% |
| Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities | 9,800 | 10,000 | 9,800 | -200 | -2.0% | +0 | +0.0% |
| Information | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | +0 | +0.0% | +0 | +0.0% |
| Financial Activities | 6,200 | 6,300 | 6,200 | -100 | -1.6% | +0 | +0.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 17,200 | 17,800 | 17,100 | -600 | -3.4% | +100 | +0.6% |
| Educational & Health Services | 27,600 | 27,800 | 26,700 | -200 | -0.7% | +900 | +3.4% |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 23,200 | 23,200 | 22,500 | +0 | +0.0% | +700 | +3.1% |
| Hospitals | 9,200 | 9,200 | 9,000 | +0 | +0.0% | +200 | +2.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 16,100 | 16,800 | 15,800 | -700 | -4.2% | +300 | +1.9% |
| Food Services & Drinking Places | 12,000 | 12,300 | 12,400 | -300 | -2.4% | -400 | -3.2% |
| Other Services | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,200 | +0 | +0.0% | +200 | +2.8% |
| Government | 17,500 | 18,000 | 17,800 | -500 | -2.8% | -300 | -1.7% |
| Federal Government | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,400 | +0 | +0.0% | -100 | -7.1% |
| State Government | 3,500 | 3,800 | 3,400 | -300 | -7.9% | +100 | +2.9% |
| Local Government | 12,700 | 12,900 | 13,000 | -200 | -1.6% | -300 | -2.3% |
| Local Government Education | 7,200 | 7,300 | 7,500 | -100 | -1.4% | -300 | -4.0% |

EVANSVILLE MSA WAGE & SALARIED EMPLOYMENT ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT, 2003 - 2006

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | NUMERICAL CHANGE 2003-2006 | PERCENT CHANGE 2003-2006 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TOTAL NON FARM | 179,200 | 177,800 | 179,200 | 179,700 | 500 | .3% |
| Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction | 13,000 | 12,600 | 13,000 | 13,300 | 300 | 2.3% |
| Manufacturing | 35,800 | 35,100 | 34,500 | 34,100 | -1,700 | -4.7% |
| Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities | 36,800 | 36,900 | 36,900 | 36,600 | -200 | -.5% |
| Information Services | 3,100 | 3,000 | 2,900 | 2,900 | -200 | -6.5% |
| Financial Activities | 6,700 | 6,400 | 6,300 | 6,300 | -400 | -6.0% |
| Professional & Business Services | 17,100 | 16,800 | 17,800 | 17,400 | 300 | 1.8% |
| Educational & Health Services | 25,100 | 25,200 | 26,100 | 27,400 | 2,300 | 9.2% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 16,200 | 16,300 | 16,600 | 16,700 | 500 | 3.1% |
| Other Services | 7,600 | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,400 | -200 | -2.6% |
| Government | 17,800 | 18,100 | 17,900 | 17,800 | 0 | 0.0% |

Notes for both tables: Current month data are preliminary. Data are rounded and may not add to total. Data are based on 2006 benchmark and subject to benchmarking in 2008.
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics Program in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:
<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Economic Growth Region 11 Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3rd Quarter 2005

| QWI | BOTH | MALE | FEMALE |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total Employment | 204,753 | 105,997 | 98,756 |
| Net Job Flows | -2,107 | -936 | -1,172 |
| Job Creation | 8,343 | 5,015 | 4,337 |
| New Hires | 34,667 | 17,917 | 16,749 |
| Separations | 41,628 | 21,561 | 20,066 |
| Turnover | 9.4% | 9.4% | 9.5% |
| Avg. Monthly Earnings | \$2,950 | \$3,635 | \$2,208 |
| Avg. New Hire Earnings | \$1,738 | \$2,075 | \$1,372 |

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 3rd 2005.

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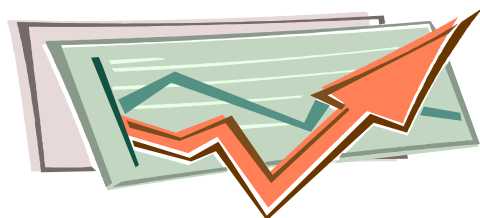
Unadjusted percent change to January 2007 from:

| | January 06 | December 06 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| U.S. City Average | | |
| All Items | 2.1% | .3% |
| Food & Beverages | 2.4% | .9% |
| Housing | 3.0% | .6% |
| Apparel | .9% | -2.2% |
| Transportation | -.8% | -.5% |
| Medical Care | 4.3% | 1.0% |
| Recreation | 1.0% | .2% |
| Education & Communication | 1.8% | -.2% |
| Other Goods & Services | 3.5% | .8% |
| Midwest Region (All Items)* | 1.2% | .1% |



*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

| <u>Local Office</u> | <u>Jan. 2007</u> | <u>Dec. 2006</u> | <u>Jan. 2006</u> | <u>Previous Month % Change</u> | <u>Previous Year % Change</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
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INITIAL CLAIMS

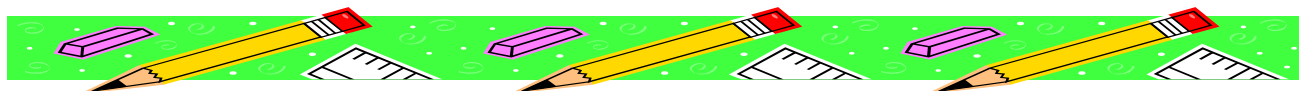
| | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Evansville | 2,724 | 2,855 | 2,203 | -4.6% | 23.6% |
| Vincennes | 914 | 875 | 946 | 4.5% | -3.4% |

| | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Indiana | 55,203 | 58,550 | 49,331 | -5.7% | 11.9% |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|

TOTAL CLAIMS

| | | | | | |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Evansville | 20,526 | 14,748 | 16,329 | 39.2% | 25.7% |
| Vincennes | 6,591 | 4,580 | 7,241 | 43.9% | -9.0% |

| | | | | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Indiana | 427,630 | 298,213 | 389,630 | 43.4% | 9.8% |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|



REGION 11 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 11 (Evansville and Vincennes) received during January 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED JANUARY 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 8

| OCCUPATIONAL TITLES | MINIMUM WAGE | AVERAGE WAGE | MAXIMUM WAGE |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse | \$5.15 | \$8.31 | \$12.00 |
| Stock Clerks: Sales Floor | 5.15 | 5.56 | 6.19 |
| Production Helpers | 8.00 | 10.32 | 16.03 |
| Hand Packers & Packagers | 8.00 | 9.04 | 11.13 |
| Welders, Production | 9.00 | 12.16 | 21.10 |
| Assemblers | 9.00 | 10.80 | 16.03 |
| Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Mechanics | 10.00 | 15.09 | 21.30 |
| Production Laborers | 5.50 | 9.63 | 11.13 |
| Welders-Fitters | 12.00 | 17.15 | 21.10 |
| Nurse Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants | 5.63 | 6.88 | 9.00 |
| General Office Clerks | 5.25 | 7.32 | 10.48 |
| Secretaries | 5.25 | 7.85 | 14.15 |
| Security Guards | 5.25 | 10.37 | 16.95 |
| Home Health Aides | 5.15 | 6.08 | 7.50 |
| Receptionists/Information Clerks | \$5.25 | \$7.58 | \$11.00 |



REGION 11* APPLICANT POOL

January 28, 2007



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

| REGION 11 JOB TITLES | NUMBER OF APPLICANTS |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Assemblers | 4,631 |
| Production Laborers | 3,719 |
| All Other Machine Operators | 2,354 |
| Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators | 2,113 |
| All Other Hand Workers | 2,112 |
| Hand Packers & Packagers | 1,764 |
| General Office Clerks | 1,580 |
| Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders | 1,461 |
| Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators | 1,453 |
| Cashiers, General | 1,417 |
| All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators | 1,416 |
| Receptionists/Information Clerks | 1,323 |
| Shipping & Receiving Clerks | 1,297 |
| Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse | 1,282 |
| Production Helpers | 1,281 |
| File Clerks | 1,163 |
| Administrative Assistants | 1,120 |
| All Other Precision Assemblers | 1,050 |
| Secretaries – Other | 1,039 |
| Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales | 1,032 |

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 11* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 11 includes Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties.



| AREA (1/28/07) | Average Annual Wage Demand | Median Annual Wage Demand | Number of Applicants |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| EGR 11 | \$24,498 | \$18,720 | 12,333 |
| Dubois | \$34,455 | \$20,800 | 510 |
| Gibson | \$22,947 | \$20,800 | 784 |
| Knox | \$17,926 | \$16,640 | 1,695 |
| Perry | \$23,710 | \$20,800 | 287 |
| Pike | \$21,628 | \$18,720 | 257 |
| Posey | \$31,029 | \$20,800 | 693 |
| Spencer | \$27,772 | \$20,800 | 424 |
| Vanderburgh | \$24,684 | \$18,720 | 6,312 |
| Warrick | \$25,002 | \$20,800 | 1,371 |



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KNOX COUNTY UPDATE

In 2005, Knox County had 998 business units and 16,240 jobs. The largest employing industry in the county was education and health services (including both public and private employment) with almost 34 percent of total industry employment. Trade, transportation, and utilities came in second with over 22 percent of total industry employment. Manufacturing showed the most job growth and the largest percentage gain since 2001, increasing 316 jobs or almost 21 percent.

The 2005 all industry earnings average for Knox County was \$26,875, up \$2,824 or 11.7 percent over the county's 2001 average. The manufacturing industry had the highest average annual earnings at \$33,238, increasing \$1,695 since 2001. Annual earnings in the information sector increased the most between 2001 and 2005, up \$6,518 or 29.7 percent.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT & EARNINGS

| NAICS INDUSTRY | 2005 # OF FIRMS | 2005 EMPLOYMENT | 2005 EARNINGS |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Total Employment | 998 | 16,240 | \$26,875 |
| Natural Resources & Mining | 49 | 470 | \$26,304 |
| Construction | 77 | 389 | \$27,546 |
| Manufacturing | 39 | 1,825 | \$33,238 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 280 | 3,637 | \$25,712 |
| Information | 17 | 227 | \$28,487 |
| Financial Activities | 96 | 681 | \$32,257 |
| Professional & Business Services | 92 | 715 | \$23,350 |
| Education & Health Services (inc. both public and private facilities) | 148 | 5,505 | \$30,560 |
| Leisure & Hospitality Services | 81 | 1,449 | \$9,459 |
| Other Services | 80 | 508 | \$15,567 |
| Public Administration | 40 | 833 | \$29,057 |

Source: Quarterly Employment and Payrolls, Research & Analysis.

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